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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
TSUKASA SAKO, ET AL. )  
Application No.: 09/408,447 )  
Filed: September 29, 1999 )  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING ) March 13, 2000  
APPARATUS AND METHOD, )  
PHOTOGRAPHING SYSTEM, )  
CONTROLLING METHOD FOR )  
THE SYSTEM, AND COMPUTER-)  
READABLE MEMORY :

Examiner: Unassigned  
Group Art Unit: 2721

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under  
37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under  
37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed  
to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of  
the listed documents are also enclosed.

The precise explanation of relevance of the non-English documents may be found at pages 2 and 18 of the specification.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/385,056	08/30/99	2713
09/385,048	08/30/99	2876

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of any cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

#### FEE STATEMENT

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the present application or prior to the mailing of a first Official Action on the merits of the application. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fee is necessitated by the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by the filing of this paper to Deposit

Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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